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(b) what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken by Government by way of relief in aid of or in addition to the relief afforded by the Corporation or other local bodies?

A.—(a) The Government have called for a detailed report.

(b) The Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 10,500 towards the cost of repairing the houses provided for the depressed classes in Ganesapuram and Paddisonpuram cheris in Madras which were damaged during the recent storm and floods. It is also proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Labour to place at the disposal of the Commissioner of the Corporation a further sum of Rs. 6,000 for distribution through the Flood Relief Committee to members of the depressed class community in several cheris in Madras for the reconstruction of the houses damaged by the recent storm.

Forest Panchayats

Rates of grazing fee collected by panchayats in Anantapur and Bellary districts.

* 143 Q.—Mr. A. Kondappa: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the rate of grazing fee per unit collected by the panchayats in Anantapur district;

(b) the rate of grazing fee per unit collected by the panchayats in Bellary district; and

(c) the reasons for the difference, if any?

A.—(a) Gudipad panchayat ... 4 annas.
All the other panchayats. 8 „

(b) 1 panchayat ... ... 3 „
95 panchayats ... ... 4 „
7 „ ... ... 5 „
2 „ ... ... 6 „
6 „ ... ... 8 „

(c) The rates vary according to local circumstances and are fixed with the concurrence of the panchayat concerned.

Mr. A. Kondappa :—" May I know why in Bellary district the rate of fees levied is half the rate generally levied in Anantapur district? What are the local circumstances which justify a higher rate in Anantapur district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Irrigation

Supply of water for irrigation in Tiruppattur taluk.

* 144 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of remission of land revenue granted each year during the last ten years in the taluk of Tiruppattur;

(b) what is the reason for such remission every time;

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(c) what are the sources of water-supply for irrigation in the taluk of Tiruppattur and how often such supply has failed and why;

(d) when the Reed Sahib anicut and the channel to Nadapalli tank were repaired and at what cost;

(e) whether it is a fact that the said anicut and the channel require immediate and substantial repair;

(f) whether the Government have examined or propose to examine question of diverting more water into the channel by raising the level of the anicut at Kurusbalapet; and

(g) what steps have been taken hitherto to assure a steady and unfailing supply of water to Tiruppattur taluk for irrigation?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement printed on pages 61–62 of the Statistical Appendix for North Arcot District (District Gazetteer, Volume II) prepared in 1929, a copy of which is in the Secretariat library. Particulars for faslis 1336 onwards are given below:—

Fasli	Amount of land revenue remitted by way of seasonal remissions on wet lands in Tiruppattur taluk. RS.	A.	P.
1336	21,127	9	0
1337	24,473	0	0
1338	12,352	0	0
1339	21,080	0	0

There were no seasonal remissions on dry lands.

(b) The Government have not the information, but the grant of remission is governed by the rules in Board's Standing Order 13.

(c) There are about 323 minor irrigation works. The Government have no information as regards the second part of the question.

(d) They were repaired under an estimate for Rs. 4,975 sanctioned in 1923. The Government have no information whether the anicut and channel were repaired again later.

(e), (f) & (g) A copy of G.O. No. 2160 I, dated 25th July 1930, is laid on the table.[a] The question of silt clearance above the anicut, in the supply channel and in the tank, is under consideration by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the Government ascertained the reasons for granting seasonal remissions?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the Government will ascertain the reasons and try to mitigate the causes that are responsible for failure of crops, and grant seasonal remissions?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I shall make enquiries as to the cause. As to mitigation of the causes, I cannot make any promise before knowing the causes."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 411 infra.